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Project CARTEL: Publications of the ZP UHVR

1. The attached two copies of Samostiynist and the two editions of the Ukrainian Tribune are forwarded as samples of the publications of this group. In spring 1949, publication of the Ukrainian Tribune ceased because ZP UHVR was no longer able to receive payment in pounds sterling from its subscribers in England on which it had depended. The paper was rated by many Ukrainians as the most reliably, objectively and intelligently written of all their DP periodicals.

2. Samostiynist is based on publications of the UHVR which were smuggled out of the Ukraine (See Para 8 MGM-A-1730). Three thousand copies in Ukrainian were printed in the American Zone of Germany in June or July 1949 where the selling price is 4 DM per copy. Allegedly copies are also on sale in Austria, England, France, the United States, Canada, and Australia whence they have brought in bundles of 25 to 50 by Ukrainians emigrating from traveling out of Germany. Since the total cost of printing this edition was only 2,000 DM, the ZP UHVR expects to make a large profit on their original investment, provided they can improvise methods for getting the foreign currencies accrued back into Germany or to Canada (where they also have a newspaper which is edited by their representative Dr. Yuri GERICH).

3. At present the ZP UHVR has the following manuscripts in Munich which they intend publishing, if they ever get the necessary capital:

a. A history of the Ukrainian Resistance Movement in English (partially edited by the case officer and

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b. The memoirs of a German anti-aircraft officer who spent two years as a soldier in UPA;

c. A collection of hitherto-unpublished Ukrainian partisan songs.

After seeing a long article in the American magazine "Look" on the Russian dissident group NTS about a year ago, the leaders of ZP UHVR planned to compose a similar article on the Ukrainian Resistance Movement which they hoped to publish in an American periodical. They also have the plan of writing a dramatic short life story of some suitable Ukrainian partisan, preferably a recent arrival with as dramatic an escape story as that contained in MGM-A-1024.

4. None of the ZP UHVR's plans for writing readable, human-interest articles for an English-speaking public have materialized to date principally because they have no one in their organization who can compose an article to American or British reading tastes. They have asked us to help them overcome this handicap by furnishing a part-time consultant on journalism or an introduction to the representative of some well-known American periodical. The case officer is in sympathy with this request for the following reasons:

a. The ZP UHVR definitely has material in its possession of interest to the anti-Soviet reading public at large;

b. The ZP UHVR is not deemed prone to abusing a press outlet to further its own ends within the Ukrainian emigration at the expense of historical accuracy (this cannot be said of any other well-known Ukrainian dissident group in Germany);

c. The ZP UHVR is not interested in overt U.S. backing at present and would prefer to disguise the origin of the articles, except where anonymity would detract from the authenticity and persuasiveness of the facts;

d. There is so little publicity given to ungarbled, first-hand accounts of active national resistance movements within the USSR, except by special-pleaser groups, that not only the reading public, but also government and armed service officials may decide on a Great Russian war policy before they have given the case of the western nationalities in Russia a fair hearing. (Consider the German experience with the Vlassov Army and their self-defeating policy in the Ukraine).

5. Some of the thoughts briefly presented above will be enlarged upon by the case officer in memoranda on other specific support proposals or verbally to representatives of KNOBBY, who

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have evinced interest in this group.

6. All future publications of ZP UHVR will be forwarded to Washington as they appear.

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